Guest Houses/Holiday Homes under control of Public sector undertakings

1128. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the location of the guest houses/holiday homes under the control of public sector undertakings, undertaking-wise, under his Ministry;

(b) the details of the cost of maintenance/rent paid for each such guest houses during the last three years; and

(c) the rates of boarding and lodging in each of these guest houses-holiday homes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Only the National Buildings Construction Corporation Ltd. (NBCC) has flat No. 281, DDA (SFS), Hauz Khas, New Delhi which is being used by it as a guest house.

(b) The N.B.C.C. has paid Rs. 1,00,000.00 towards the rent of the guest house for the period from 1st February, 1986 to 31st January, 1989.

(c) As per statement annexed.

Statement

Rates of boarding and lodging in respect of Flat No. 281, DDA (SFS), Hauz Khas, New Delhi being used as Guest House by the N.B.C.C.

	RATES PER BED PER DAY			
	For officers of NBCC on official tour.		For officers of other companies/ Govt. deptts on offical tours.	
	Non A/c	A/c	Non A/c	A/c
(a) drawing basic pay of less than Rs.1000/- p.m.	Rs.8/-	Rs.10/-	Rs.20/-	Rs.25/-
(b) drawing basic pay of Rs.1000/- p.m. and above	Rs.13/-	Rs.15/-	Rs.30/-	Rs.35/-

STAY FOR LESS THAN 24 HOURS

(a) stay in the guest house for a period of 24 hours or less shall be treated as full day.

(b) period of stay in excess of 24 hours will be charged as under:-

(i) stay in the guest house for less than 12 hours,	— 50% of the charges as indicated above.
(ii) stay in the guest house for 12 hours or more.	— Full charges as indicated above.

TEA & BREAKFAST CHARGES ARE AS UNDER:

1. Tea per cup	Rs. 0.50
2. Tea with two biscuits	Rs. 1.00
3. Tea with two boiled eggs	Rs. 2.00
4. Tea with one boiled egg.	Rs. 1.50
5. Tea with omelette of two eggs plus 2 bread slices	Rs. 3.50
6. Milk 250 gms with 50 gms. cornflakes	Rs. 2.50

Sponge Iron Project, Singhbhum, Bihar

@ 1129. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) when the 'letter of intent' was given to the Bihar Sponge Iron Project in Singhbhum district of Bihar;

(b) what has been its progress since then and by when it is expected to start full production; and

(c) what have been the reasons for delay in this project?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL

@ Previously Unstarred Question 563 transferred from the 27th February 1989.

FOTEDAR):(a) The Letter of Intent was transferred in favour of M/s. Bihar Sponge Iron Limited in March, 1986.

(b) Progress has been satisfactory and the plant is expected to commence production very shortly.

(c) There has not been undue delay in this project.

Sick Sugar Mills in the Country

1130. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any sick sugar mills in the country;

(b) if so, the particulars thereof;

(c) whether these sick sugar mills are incurring heavy losses;

(d) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to rehabilitate these units?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (e) The sugar industry being a seasonal industry, subject to fluctuations due to a number of factors, the Department of food have not evolved parameters for quantifying sickness in the industry. However, 28 sugar factories did not work during 1988-89 season due to various reasons such as non-availability of sugarcane, financial and mangerial problems, labour troubles, etc. Financial assistance at concessional rate of interest for rehabilitation/ modernisation of uneconomic Sugar Units as well as for sugarcane development is made available from the Sugar Development Fund.

Concurrence for Exclusive order for Pesticides

1131. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh had sought concurrence of the Central Government to issue an exclusive order - 'The pesticides' (Quality control) Order, 1988 under Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Central Government had accorded concurrence thereto and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The Andhra Pradesh Government had sought concurrence of the Central Government to issue an exclusive Order, namely, the Andhra Pradesh Insecticide (Quality Control) Order, 1988 under Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. The said Order, *inter alia*, provided for the following matters:

(i) Prohibition of sale or manufacture of insecticides without licences;
(ii) Prohibition of manufacture, sale, etc. of sub-standard insecticides; and
(iii) Sanction of prosecution.

(b) Since the matters, envisaged to be regulated by the proposed Special Order of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, are adequately covered under the Insecticides Act, 1968, the State Government has been advised that the issuance of the said Order would not serve much purpose.

Loss to NCCF on purchase of Arhar Whole with the connivance of Mahal Cooperative Society

1132. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1412 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7-8-87 and state:

(a) whether the enquiry into this case has been completed and action taken